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OF FOOD DISTRIBUTORS
EX OFFICIO
MONTANA TRADE COMMISSION

TO THE

GOVERNOR OF MONTANA

HONORABLE FORREST H. ANDERSON

FOR THE

FISCAL YEAR ENDED

JUNE 30, 1970

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The Honorable Forrest H. Anderson
Governor
State of Montana
Helena, Montana 59601

Dear Governor Anderson:

In accordance with the requirements of Section 27-306 R.C.M. 1947, there is herewith transmitted to you the report of the State Board of Food Distributors covering the fiscal year ended June 30, 1970.

During the fiscal year the Board met six times as follows:

July 30, 1969 in Helena, Montana
September 22, 1969 in Butte, Montana
November 19, 1969 in Helena, Montana
January 14, 1970 in Helena, Montana
March 11, 1970 in Forsyth, Montana
May 27, 1970 in Helena, Montana

From July 1, 1969 to June 30, 1970, inclusive, a total of Four thousand, nine hundred and sixteen (4,916) licenses were issued by this Board to any establishment in Montana selling food or beverages. A list of which follows according to counties.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan L. Rice

DAN L. RICE, Secretary

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PRINCIPAL OFFICES AND OFFICERS

STATE BOARD OF FOOD DISTRIBUTORS

EX OFFICIO

MONTANA TRADE COMMISSION

Members

Mr. Jack Clifford, Forsyth

Mr. Charles O. Davis, Columbus

Mr. J. E. Barrett, Missoula

Principal Administrative Officers

Mr. Dan L. Rice, Secretary

Mrs. Roberta Clinton, Clerk

Principal Office

#3 Gold Block

Helena, Montana

LEGAL REFERENCES

The statutes relating to the operations of the State Board of Food Distributors are, for the most part, contained in the Revised Codes of Montana, 1947.

Sections 27-301 through 27-316 R.C.M., 1947 deal with the creation and duties of the Montana State Board of Food Distributors.

Section 70-201 R.C.M., 1947 provides that the Montana State Board of Food Distributors is, ex officio, the Montana Trade Commission.

Sections 51-101 through 51-118 R.C.M., 1947 contain the provisions of the Unfair Practises Act and provides that the Montana Trade Commission shall administer the same.

PRINCIPAL GOALS

The Objectives of the State Board of Food Distributors, ex-officio Montana Trade Commission is to insure fair competition within the State. This Board arbitrated complaints within the wholesale and retail food industries, using a Cost Survey system, to insure fair and competitive prices. Our field of responsibility extends to all other industries and services, such as gasoline sales and sand and gravel sales, with the same objective: To insure fair competition.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

During the 1969-70 Fiscal year, a total of 4,916 Licenses were issued to business establishments where food is sold. This figure is nearly the same as the 1968-69 Fiscal year, even though over 150 businesses have gone out of business this past year. We are able to maintain the number of licenses issued due to Mr. Rice's efforts in obtaining the names and addresses of newly operating businesses and the subsequent sale of Food Distributors Licenses to these new food distributing agencies.

Following is a list of the number of licenses we issued according to counties.

1.	Beaverhead County	77
2.	Big Horn County	93
3.	Blaine County	63
4.	Broadwater County	35
5.	Carbon County	90
6.	Carter County	28
7.	Cascade County	363
8.	Choteau County	47
9.	Custer County	92
10.	Daniels County	42
11.	Dawson County	81
12.	Deer Lodge County	90
13.	Fallon County	38
14.	Fergus County	95
15.	Flathead County	275
16.	Gallatin County	227
17.	Garfield County	23
18.	Glacier County	109
19.	Golden Valley County	21
20.	Granite County	37
21.	Hill County	104
22.	Jefferson County	51
23.	Judith Basin County	31
24.	Lake County	136
25.	Lewis & Clark County	139
26.	Liberty County	25
27.	Lincoln County	104
28.	McCone County	22
29.	Madison County	85
30.	Meagher County	28
31.	Mineral County	56
32.	Missoula County	312
33.	Musselshell County	55
34.	Park County	150
35.	Petroleum County	13
36.	Phillips County	58
37.	Pondera County	61
38.	Powder River County	27
39.	Powell County	59
40.	Prairie County	25
41.	Ravalli County	117
42.	Richland County	72
43.	Roosevelt County	106
44.	Rosebud County	62
45.	Sanders County	96
46.	Sheridan County	55
47.	Silver Bow County	157
48.	Stillwater County	53
49.	Sweet Grass County	42
50.	Teton County	53
51.	Toole County	74
52.	Treasure County	14
53.	Valley County	86
54.	Wheatland County	36
55.	Wibaux County	16
56.	Yellowstone County	410

MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Though complaints are handled in various industries operating in Montana the monies which fund this program are derived solely from the sale of Food Distirbutors' licenses within the Food Industry. It is our recommendation that the report by the Governor's Reorganization Committee be studied with the view of correcting this situation.

ANALYSIS OF PROGRAMS

Program: Licensing

Service Provided:

By the purchase of the Food Distributors License, businesses are assured of protection by the Montana Trade Commission under the Unfair Practises Act.

Objectives:

This Board investigates any complaint filed with the Montana Trade Commission against wholesale and retail businesses selling below cost, as established by the commission's Cost Survey.

Target Groups:

All businessmen operating at wholesale or retail within the state of Montana may file complaints with the Trade Commission for investigation and prosecution, if they prove valid, Complaints have been processed in the gasoline industry, food industry, sand and gravel industry and television industry, to name a few.

Achievements:

In the 1969-70 fiscal year this Board licenses 4,916 of the approximately 5,000 food dispensing establishments in the State.

We have investigated complaints in the motor oil sales (Missoula); bakery industry (Kalispell); retail sugar sales (Billings); sales of meat (Missoula); which were referred to the Commission.

FINANCIAL RECAP

PROJECT COSTS BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE AND SOURCE OF FUNDING 1969-70 FISCAL YEAR

OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services	
Salaries & Wages	$ 10,675
Employee Benefits	$ 1,071
	$ 11,746
Operations	
Supplies and Materials	$ 302
Communications	$ 1,237
Travel	$ 5,358
Contracted Services	$ 1,648
Special Fees	$ 3,545
Repairs and Maintenance	$ 31
	$ 12,121
Grants and Benefits	
Refunds of Duplicate License Fees	$ 20
TOTAL EXPENDED	$ 23,887

SOURCE OF FUNDING

General Fund	$ 27,000
TOTAL FUNDING	$ 27,000